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Thanks

.. To those grandparents who attended last term's "Greates and Grands' Day" (and to Christine Redwood for the catering).

.. To those who have worked so hard selling raffle tickets. Your fund-raising efforts are very much appreciated.

.. To those who have worked hard in the run up to Calf Club Day.

People of the week

.. The All Blacks!

.. Hayden who, while representing Northland during the holidays, was selected for the Northern Roller Mills Under 13 Tournament Rugby Team (King Country North). Well done Hayden!

Congratulations to the following children who were recipients of Trustworthiness awards last term. We hope your parents feel very proud of you!

Rm 2	Nicole	Rm 2	Dylan
Rm 3	Shiphrah	Rm 3	Jacob
Rm 4	Brianna	Rm 4	Connan
Rm 5	Tahi	Rm 5	Bayden
Rm 5	Amy	Rm 6	Toby
Rm 7	Natasha	Rm 7	Sarah
Rm 8	Kayla	Rm 8	Ariah
Rm 9	Eli	Rm 9	Jemimah
Rm 9	Brendan	Rm 10	Emily
Rm 10	Daniel	Rm 11	Matthew
Rm 12	Scott	Rm 12	Laura

And .. we are pleased to announce that RESPECT is our focus virtue for the first half of term 4

Please find support material attached and set aside time ..

.. to read over and discuss this with your children

.. to speak about the role that RESPECT does / has played in your life

.. to maybe identify some RESPECT targets with your children.

Let us know of any special gains so we can celebrate them quietly with your child, or more widely through the newsletter as an encouragement to us all.

Calf Club Day - Friday 28 October

Please accept (and extend to others) this cordial invitation to spend our Calf Club Day with us. Animals will arrive from around 9:00, prizegiving will take place some time before lunch, and a shared lunch will be in the hall from around 12:30.

See you there!

Calf Club Day - please take particular note of the following!

On Calf Club Day we will have our customary shared lunch after the judging has been completed. **This is for attending adults and those children with animals ONLY.**

Children with animals are asked to please *bring 2 plates of food for lunch* and leave them covered in the hall on Friday morning. Children without animals will be involved in various animal related activities throughout the morning but are asked to bring their own (regular) packed lunch please. **At the end of lunch children with animals may go home early with their parents to attend to their animals at their parents' discretion. Please advise your child's teacher if you will be taking your children home early. Remember .. no indoor exhibits this year.**

Term Calendar

We will advise other dates as these come to hand.

28 October	Calf Club Day
31 October	Lunchtime track and field competitions start
2 November	Sport Northland Tennis Tourn (consents issued to interested children this week)
2 November	Headlice Inspection
4 November	Whangarei Boys' High School testing (W.B.H.S. hall by 8:45 - questions to Mr D)
7 November	Meningococcal vaccinations (morning)
8 November	Zone Athletics (Poroti School)
8 November	November meeting of the Board
10 November	Central Calf Club Day
10/11 November	Tech Quest (parents of children involved please contact Mr D with any questions)
23 November	Senior Beach Volley Ball Day
28 November	Whangarei Girls' High School Orientation Day
29 November	Whangarei Interschool Athletics
2 December	Kamo High School Orientation Day
12 December	Team Athletics Day
14 December	Year 7 and 8 Fun Day
14 December	Reports home
15/16 December	Year 3 camp
19 December	Prize Giving
20 December	Final day of 2011 school year

Term dates 2012 for those interested ..

Term 1 .. 2 February to 5 April	Term 2 .. 23 April to 29 June
Term 3 .. 16 July to 28 September	Term 4 .. 15 October to ... to be determined (Some time around 20.12.12)

International Schools English and Maths Competitions

The school has received the results of the English Competition and expects to receive the maths results shortly. Teachers need a week or two to study these and to input the data into our system - parents can expect these within the next week or two. Your child's results can also be accessed at <http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au> using the unique pin number on your child's result sheet (if you would like their pin number in advance of receipt of the hard copy results please give Kevin a call). Participation certificates will be given out at an assembly within the next month or so with remaining certificates held over for school prizegiving.

International Student Homestays

Our international student programme has become an essential source of income for our school. It is also an opportunity for our children to learn about other cultures and to make lasting friendships with children from other lands. It appears that there may be some interest in short stay placements next year (likely one month but possibly extending to three months). Income from this is usually around \$180 per week per child. If interested in hosting a child please give Kevin a call to further discuss. Most families who have hosted international students in the past have testified to the value of the experience and we are hoping for some support.

Northland Cross Country Championships

Congratulations to the following students for their placings in the Championships:

9 yrs	Max	1st	Natasha	17 th
11 yrs	Euan	3 rd	Scott	10 th
12 yrs & Up	Emily	9 th	Tyler	15 th

Lunchtime Athletics Competitions

.. starts lunchtimes from next week. If you are able to help out please give Kevin a call .. you can specify your day or your preferred track or field event(s).

Meningococcal Vaccination Forms

If you have made the decision to have your child vaccinated, and have not yet returned your vaccination consent form, please return this on Monday. Questions can be addressed to the NDHB helpline 0800 430123. We also have some printed material available from the school office.

Community Consultation

Last term the Board invited the input of parents to a new round of charter review. The charter identifies what our community considers to be matters of priority for our children. It is thus an opportunity for us to "shape" our curriculum in a way which has specific relevance for us.

We had hoped you would take a little time over the holiday period to work on these with a return date of 27 October. So ... if you have not returned your form please drop it in the post (or drop to the office) before the end of this week. If you did not receive your form, or if you would like assistance, please give the office a call. We would like the input of as many parents as possible to this process. Please don't hesitate to contact Kevin (or a board member) with any questions. Thank you in anticipation.

Year 3 Camp

The Year 3 camp will be a sleepover at school on the 15 & 16th December. There will be some offsite activities, thanks to the Crawford & Finlayson family. We will need parents to stay overnight and assist with transport and supervision of small groups during these activities. So please diary in these dates. The cost will be \$15 per child with a subsidy from the remaining activity fee. We also need to borrow kayaks and life jackets (small child size). Please contact Sue Abbott or leave a message at the office if you can assist with this.

School Contribution/EOTC Payments

If you did not manage to pay your term 3 contribution and activity fee please give Kevin a call. Please contact Helen if you would like to make payment by direct credit or if you have any queries.

Sunhats

School sunhats compulsory from next week please .. or earlier if possible.

Home Garden Programme - UPDATE!

Over the holidays children were asked to ..

- .. get their garden established (mindful of access to sun, shelter, water etc)
- .. purchase some suitable seedlings (or pot fast growing plants). Minimum 6 plants.
- .. ensure they have a compost in operation
- .. make a start to their diaries (especially the garden layout)

By now gardens should be planted and under way. We will meet soon at school to discuss how we deal with garden pests and will meet thereafter on a roughly weekly basis for sharing and support.

Parents are encouraged to follow the newsletter for progress updates.

If running late with plantings (or if wanting certified organic seedlings for your garden)

.. locally grown in Ruatangata to biogro standards. Phone Rebecca Agnew on 4351030. Rebecca will have a seedling stall at school on Friday (Calf Club Day) on the lower field with a dollar donation to the school for each seedling or pot/punnet sold .. and thereafter will set up a stall each Friday of November 3:00 - 3:20 PM by the upper carpark.

Headlice

These presented quite a problem last term. The school inspects only once a term (usually around week 2 to 4), with a follow up one week later. The success of this measure is greatly enhanced when ALL families check and respond within the specified time frame .. it takes only one family to respond a week or two late to trigger a widespread re-infestation. After our school wide check it is up to parents to check their children's hair weekly and to respond quickly in the event of infestation (remember the 7 day cycle from egg to adult). Parents are reminded that it may not be sufficient to treat their child's hair only - it may be necessary to wash sheets, towels, bedding and clothes. Some parents recommend equal parts oil and vinegar (or coconut oil) left on as long as possible and then combed out with a nit comb .. up to you.

The Term 4 Headlice Inspection

.. will take place on 2 November .. Please give Donna Cates a call at school if you are able to assist.

Found - A gold bracelet. If you are missing one please contact the office.

Community Notices

For Sale: Lime, great for the garden and lawns - \$5.00 for a 10kg bag. Phone Helen or William on 433 5512 to arrange delivery or pickup. This is a fundraising effort for William to go with the Boys & Girls High combined team to represent Northland at the Get2Go OPC final in December on Great Barrier Island.

Worm Juice for Sale - Great for natural vege & plant growing. 3 litre milk bottle \$2.50. Contact Neroli 433 8185.

World Teachers Day - Celebrate the great teaching and learning going on in our region. Saturday 29 October at the Town Basin. For more info visit www.nzei.org.nz.

Fireworks Display - Saturday 29 October, Toll Stadium Okara Park. Gates open 6pm. (pp Sun 30 October).

Paihia Oceans Kids Swim - Saturday 10 December, 10.30am, Paihia Beach. To register or for more info visit www.oceankids.co.nz.

Tides Out Bream Bay Fun Run and Walk - Sun 6 November, 9.00am. Any enquiries to Susan McRae on 094321029 or Marilyn Cox on 094320209 or www.breambayfunrun.com or www.sportnorthland.co.nz.

Whangarei A & P Ag Day

Children preparing their animals for the school Ag Day, can also enter the **Central Calf Club Day** being held at Barge Showgrounds Events Centre on

10th November 2011. Plus **entries are now open** for the **A&P Summer**

Show on Saturday 3rd December 2011. All pet calf, lamb or goat

entries received before 14 November receive a free ticket to the Show! Gate

admission for the Show is \$5.00 per person, with under 5 year olds free. Visit www.summershow.co.nz for more information.



Final Thought

October 28 is World Teacher Day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our teachers for the tremendous work that they do and for the positive difference they make in the lives of their students. Teaching is not an easy job (just ask anyone who has done it) and teachers are frequently held responsible for things that are way beyond their control. In spite of this, teachers up and down the land (and the world over) head to work each day with a conviction that they can and do make a difference. Our teachers at Matarau are no different. Thank you for the dedication you bring, the hours that you work and the enthusiasm you exude. It is a privilege to work alongside you all! Go the A.B.'s!

Regards

Kevin Trewhella
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